(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps are proposed to be taken to educate the women about the health care and make use of the existing facilities properly?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following steps have been taken to educate the women about health care and make use of the existing facilities.

(1) Intensive educational campaign through mass media like T.V., radio, posters, pamphlets etc. and inter-personal communication through health personnel. Song and Drama Division, Field Publicity Units etc. for better utilisation of existing services.

(2) Rapid expansion of the health infrastructure network such as community health centres, primary health centre and sub-centres.

(3) Training of the traditional birth attendants.

(4) Development of the skill and knowledge of existing doctors and para-medical workers through induction and orientation training.

(5) Supply of iron folic acid and Vit. A to pregnant, lactating mothers and children to control problems related to anaemia and blindness.

(6) Intensified immunisation programme specially for coverage of the pergnant mothers with TT through existing health institutions, outreach approach, observation of fixed immunisation days.

(7) Facilities for medical termination of pregnancies have been provided through about 6000 centres.

(8) Schemes like Integrated Child Development Services, Adult Literacy, Rural Development etc. are also educating the women about health care and better utilisation of of the existing facilities.

Opening of Medical Colleges

1646. SHRI T.R. BALU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state.

(a) how many seats remained unfulfilled in MBBS and post graduate medical courses at All India level since the year 1987;

(b) what are the reasons for not filling the seats by the Medical Council of India;

(c) whether Government propose to open new medical colleges in the country; and

(d) if so, how many new colleges are proposed to be opened and which are the States to be benefitted by this programme?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) As per the Supreme Court judgement, All India entrance examination for filling up 15 per cent of the seats in MMBS and 25 percent of seats in post-graduate medical courses in all the medical colleges in the country except the States of Jammu & Kashmir and Andhra Pradesh and the colleges which were specifically exempted by the Supreme Court are being held from the year 1988. The allotment of seats was made to successful candidates in the competitive test and the seats which remained unfilled due to the candidates not joining the colleges or leaving the medical courses later, were reverted back to the respective State Governments for both the years 1988 and 1989 and were filled later by the State Governments.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.